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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/687,017	JIN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Cam N. Nguyen	1754	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08/29/05 (an election).
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 2-19 and 21-50 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 17-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 2-16 and 21-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 12 July 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .  |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>originally filed</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
|   | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .                                  |

**DETAILED ACTION**

**Response to Election/Restriction**

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group II, claims 15-16 & 44-48, in the reply filed on August 29, 2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that "claim 15 links Group I and II....claim 17 links Group II and III...Claims 17-19 are requested to be rejoined upon allowance of claim 16". This is found persuasive. Since claim 17 is a linking claim, thus the nonelected claims 17-19 will be rejoined upon allowance of the elected claims.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 17-19 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on August 29, 2005.

**Response to Amendment**

3. Applicants' amendment and remarks, filed August 29, 2005, has been made of record and entered. Claims 1 & 20 have been canceled. Claims 2-15 & 21-45 have been amended. Claims 49-50 have been added.

Claims 2-19 & 21-50 are currently pending in the application.

**Oath/Declaration**

4. The oath or declaration is defective. A new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is required. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02.

The oath or declaration is defective because:

It does not identify the city and either state or foreign country of residence of each inventor. The residence information may be provided on either on an application data sheet or supplemental oath or declaration.

**Drawings**

5. The drawings are objected to because it is not labeled. The drawing should be labeled as "Figure 1" even though there is only 1 Figure.  
*in the application*

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner,

the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

**Claim Objections**

6. Claims 49 & 50 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In line 1, "Fischer-Tropsch" should be deleted.

Appropriate correction is required.

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102(e)**

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 2-16 & 21-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Singleton et al., "hereinafter Singleton", (US Pat. 6,537,945 B2).

Singleton discloses a Fischer-Tropsch catalyst, said catalyst comprising: an  $\gamma$ -alumina support; an amount of cobalt, supported on said  $\gamma$ -alumina support, and at least one promoter on said  $\gamma$ -alumina support with said cobalt, etc., and an amount of a dopant selected from the group consisting of a lanthanum, barium, and combination thereof, etc. (see col. 10, claim 1). Said promoter is ruthenium (see col. 11, claim 2).

The  $\gamma$ -alumina support is produced from aluminum alkoxide which is hydrolyzed to produce an alumina product and wherein said dopant is incorporated into said  $\gamma$ -alumina support by adding a dopant alkoxide to, and co-hydrolyzing said dopant alkoxide with, said aluminum alkoxide ... to form said  $\gamma$ -alumina support (see col. 11- col. 12, claim 5 & see also claim 6).

There is no patentable distinction seen between the claimed catalyst and that disclosed by Singleton, thus the claims are anticipated by the reference.

**Citations**

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. All references are cited for related art. See PTO-892 Form prepared attached.

**Conclusion**

10. Claims 2-19 & 21-50 are pending. Claims 2-16 & 21-50 are rejected. Claims 17-19 are withdrawn due to nonelected (distinct) inventions. No claims are allowed.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Primary Examiner Cam N Nguyen, whose telephone number is 571-272-1357. The examiner can normally be reached on M, W, R, & F, 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley Silverman, can be reached on 571-272-1358. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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